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THE READING MOTHER

Strickland Gillilan

I had a mother who read to me
Sagas of pirates who scoured the sea,
Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,
"Blackbirds" stowed in the hold beneath.

I had a mother who read me lays
Of ancient and gallant and golden days;
Stories of Marmion and Ivanhoe,
Which every boy has a right to know.

I had a mother who read me tales
Of Gelert the hound of the hills of Wales,
True to his trust till his tragic death,
Faithfulness blent with his final breath.

I had a mother who read me the things
That wholesome life to the boy heart brings—
Stories that stir with an upward touch,
Oh, that each mother of boys were such!

You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be—
I had a mother who read to me.

—From *Best Loved Poems*.

"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also," 2 Tim. 1:5.

Notes From My Letters

By J. H. Walker, General Overseer

"In behalf of our district (Toccoa) I wish to say that with a total membership of 205 members we raised in one month after the Assembly \$220 mission money, \$29.10 aged ministers (nearly 15 cents per member), and fifty-five Evangel subscriptions (over one for every four members).

"The above record is not OUR CEILING, just the MUDSILL FOUNDATION and more is to come later. We plan to raise in addition to the above, for general Church work, \$1 per member for Orphanage (possible goal of \$500 for district), one Evangel per member (minimum possible goal of 500 subscriptions for district), \$1 per member for "Next Town Fund" to evangelize neighboring towns; 50 cents per member for district convention mission offerings, etc. We are putting on drives to double our Sunday School attendance and also our church membership. Pray that we may be successful.—Your brother, Rev. Charles G. Paschal."

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IT WAS a time of severe trial in Israel, for Israel having done evil in the sight of the Lord had been delivered into the hands of their enemies for chastisement, as the following verses suggest:



"And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because

of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves and strong holds. And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them: And they encamped against them and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number; and they entered into the land to destroy it. And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the Lord," Judges 6:1-6.

In their emergency, when their oppression had brought the beleaguered Israelites to their senses, they did the inevitable, "Cried unto the Lord," and repented. Their repentance immediately changed God's attitude toward them, and He determined to deliver them. So God devised the plan of selecting and equipping a competent leader through whom He could bring victory to His chosen, though disobedient people. For this purpose He chose Gideon and qualified him by filling him with the Spirit. "The Spirit of the Lord clothed himself with Gideon."

This is God's established method of revelation and operation. Though possessed of all power, God does not choose to thunder from the sky or write His will on the horizon, or bring about His ends by miraculous power independent of human agency. What He does for man He usually does through man. That is why the preaching of the gospel is not committed unto angels, but "unto faithful men."

"Men wanted," is God's standing advertisement. He always has a place for men whom He can qualify for His service. His work often lags because many men are unwilling to have the Spirit

Garments of the Spirit

By F. W. Lemons

"The Spirit of the Lord clothed himself with Gideon." (Margin) Judges 6:34.

clothe Himself with them. The men God wants do not necessarily need to be great, skilled men of affairs, for such men seldom have the vision of God's way of doing things, and lack the humility to submit to becoming "garments of the Spirit." This quality marks the difference between worldly leaders and true spiritual leaders. Men of the world possess only such qualifications as the natural man can provide, and know only the methods common to men, but too often they have not learned that it is "Not by power or by might, but my Spirit, saith the Lord." Zech 4:6. Of too few of them can it be said, "The Spirit of the Lord clothed Himself" with them.

In order to become a garment of the Spirit one must be wholly surrendered to God, so much so that his individuality is consecrated, and his plans are only God's plans. John the Baptist said of himself, "I am the voice." He was filled with the Spirit, and was the voice of the Spirit. John had no personal ambitions nor plans other than the fulfillment of his mission—to announce the coming of the Lord. His entire life was devoted to that purpose. His physical man was merely a garment for the Spirit.

The Spirit had a definite object in selecting Gideon as a garment. He had a job for Gideon, and He filled the garment in order to empower him for the job. He was not there simply to make him happy. His presence with Gideon was an endowment of power. The Holy Ghost does not come into our lives merely to make the minister happy, eloquent, famous or to give him a good time. But since men understand men, God desires to perform His work through men who have received the heavenly endowment. (Acts 1:8). He indwells our temples of clay to inspire us for His service. He

wants to speak with our tongues, walk with our feet, and work with our hands.

The Church has a definite task to do. The great commission is ours. The proposition of going into all the world and preaching the gospel to every creature is so much greater than can be equaled by the very best efforts of human organization that Jesus did not risk its promotion with the great leaders of the day. Instead He called His humble followers, four of whom were fishermen and one a despised publican, and commanded them to "Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49. They had left all to follow Him, and He would make them "able ministers" filled with the Holy Ghost. They actually became garments of the Spirit, for it could have been said of them that the Spirit indeed clothed Himself with these consecrated men. Thus they undertook the evangelization of the world. Without a doubt this is the proper way to carry on until Jesus comes.

In recent years there has been much teaching on the subject of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and rightly so. It is the message for our day. Every believer ought to be filled with the Spirit, and certainly every leader of the Church. In the early Church it was imperative that those selected to carry on the affairs of the Church should be "full of the Holy Ghost," (Acts 7). However, there are many dear souls who as yet have not come into possession of this gracious experience, and for their benefit a few possible reasons are offered as to why your garment may not have been used by the Spirit.

Some garments are too unclean to be worn by the Holy Ghost. Bear in mind that the promise is made only to believers, only to those who have been born again and washed in the precious blood, for it is written of the promised Comforter, "Whom the world cannot receive," (John 14:17). Respectable men would disdain to wear filthy garments, yet some are of the opinion that the Holy Ghost will abide in unholy lives. Remember that the Holy Ghost is a person, a member of the Holy Trinity, and a most reverend and holy person. It is difficult to conceive of His wearing sin-defiled garments. Is it not ridiculous for those who shy around holiness, and are content to be polluted by sinful habits and works of the flesh, to imagine that the Holy Ghost will abide in such a life? Such garments need to go to the Cleaner. There is a fountain open for all sinners, and no one need remain defiled. A dip in that fountain will cleanse from every stain. According to the New Testament record, no

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Religion and the World

By the Editor

Church in Conflict in France

Since Hitler has occupied the rest of France and started persecution of the Jews, certain of the French clergymen have been arrested because they voiced disapproval of "anti-Semitic decrees," according to reports from Stockholm.

Soldiers Attendance Increase

According to a War Department Report for August, in 62,911 worship services "a total of 3,638,060 U. S. service men throughout the world" were in attendance. In July preceding there were 52,758 such services conducted and attended by 2,667,793 service men. During the same period "hospital and guard house" visitors distributed 222,032 Bibles and 95,082 Testaments.

Jewish Day of Prayer

The Jews throughout the world will join in a day of fasting and prayer December 13 in protest against Nazi slaughter of several million Jews in conquered or controlled countries, according to RNS. Such a day of mourning was observed in Palestine December 2. In Jerusalem 400 rabbis had planned to gather in the "city's oldest synagogue" to join in prayers.

Wise Quisling

The Quisling Government of Norway has ordered that "no house of worship" will have fuel "except those heated by electricity," according to a report from Stockholm. This is apparently an effort to prohibit religious services. "A number of the clergymen have asked their parishioners to bring blankets to church and to dress warmly." There will be a day when the sun shines again.

Buck Jones

At a revelling gathering in honor of his name and person, according to radio news, 488 persons lost their lives and some 200 were seriously burned in the Cocoanut Grove Night Club in Boston, Saturday night, November 28. The peacefulness of home would have provided an escape from this unfortunate modern hades of revelling. Not so long ago a smaller but similar incident occurred among the colored people of a Southern state. Soberness of thought leads to soberness of practice and such practice leads to peacefulness and safety.

Slugging at Liquor

The Virginia Methodist Conference Board of Temperance has made plans to ascertain the temperance stand of all candidates for the General Assembly in next year's election, and to throw its full support behind "men who are dry." The Michigan Council of Churches has also joined with four other religious and civil organizations which have pledged to combat liquor. It is pointed out that liquor is a great hinderance to the prosecution of the war. This is quite true, it is a much more serious hinderance to the morals and character of those who use it.

Religious Oppression in Norway

Reports coming through Stockholm state that "Bible-reading, holding of worship services and all normal Sabbath-day observances have been prohibited in the compulsory work camps set up by the Nazis in Norway." It is also reported that "a new catechism for Norwegian schools has just been published by the church department of the Quisling Administration, which alters the fourth commandment to read, 'Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother, but above all thy Fuehrer, Vidkun Quisling.'"

Bible Revival

Dr. John R. Rice reports that, "An amazing Bible revival is on, beyond doubt," he said today. "We are selling and giving away 40 per cent more Bibles and Testaments than we did a year ago at this time. The tempo of orders began to rise last spring. The increase has constantly accelerated until it is hard to control."

"Last year in 12 central states we put out about 1,500,000 Bibles and portions, and this year we ought to run upward of 2,500,000. In Chicago alone in 1941 we sold \$35,000 worth in the first ten months; this year in the same period sales ran \$46,000. All this is in addition to the many thousands of copies given away."

"Demand for Scriptures for the armed forces has been unparalleled. The American Bible Society has given away 800,000 Testaments through chaplains. In addition, it has sold 250,000 to churches to be given to the boys in the service. That means more than 1,000,000 copies to our soldiers, sailors and marines alone."

Prayers for Victory

Governor Cooper, of Tennessee, asked in his Thanksgiving Day proclamation that Tennesseans pray "for a renewal of Christian faith and courage so that we may better protect the Christian religion and our democratic form of government." This is a timely appeal not only for Tennesseans but for all Christians who pray. It is scriptural to pray for those in authority. Moreover it is certainly scriptural that those who are in authority pray.

Japan Dissolves Protestant Churches

The Tokyo radio announced that all Protestant churches had been dissolved and will be henceforth included in a single church — The Church of Christ in Japan. The announcer commented that "for the first time in the history of modern Christianity, a nation-wide unification of all Protestant denominations had been effected."

The Bible in New York Schools

Protestant and Catholic clergymen—leading laymen and educators in the community of the Cato-Meridian Central Public School, alarmed at "an epidemic of juvenile crimes," launched a trial semester of Bible classes within the school building, which has just been successfully completed. These classes will function permanently in the future. The experiment is the result of an opinion that child training "was apparently deficient" with regard to "moral training." Physical catastrophes, such as World Wars 1 and 2, apparently awake the mind and soul to the extent that men realize that God is the only source of help with respect to reformation.

The Universe

Jacob J. Sessler, writing in the Pulpit Digest, gives us the usual story that light travels 186,000 miles per second. Further, that the earth turns on its axis (not Hitler and Mussolini) once a day and revolves around the sun once a year. The other planets, said he, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, make similar revolutions around the sun but at different distances and at different rates of speed. The largest planet, Jupiter, has a diameter of 86,500, while our earth has a diameter of only 7,900 miles. And the sun, which is a million times bigger than the earth, is 93,000,000 miles distant. Then says Mr. Sessler, "Our Milky Way, of which our solar system is a part, contains more than a billion stars. The new telescopes

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DEAD chickens can not lay eggs. And a dead faith can't produce live answers to prayer. Faith and

works are a team. If you go out in the morning to harness your team for the day's plowing and you find that old Bess has turned her toes up and died during the night, you don't have a team any more. And the other horse is as good as dead until you get a mate for him, because one horse doesn't make a team.

James tells us, 2:17, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." You can say you have faith in Jesus as the Son of God, from now until judgment day, but unless you put feet to your faith and march to that altar and repent of your sins and get saved, you will die in your sins and be lost. Your faith is as good as dead until you put works with it in the form of active repentance.

I recall that in one revival a railroad engineer kept raising his hand for prayer. That was an expression of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. But his faith didn't save him until one night he added works, to make a team, and stepped out in the aisle. Afterwards he said that the minute he took the first step, the Lord met him with a wave of glory and he felt as if he were walking in the air. The moment he teamed works with his faith he got saved. He hit the altar shouting and immediately got up and went back and brought his wife and four sons to the altar.

Works is not always expressed in activity. When you wire a loved one to meet a train at a certain hour a thousand miles away, you are expressing faith in the railway system to take you there. But when you board the train and peacefully settle down in your pullman bed for the night, that is works. You express by your very peace and inactivity your faith in the engineer and conductor to take you safely through. So also a quiet, peaceful settling back in the arms of Jesus is a form of works, expressing your quiet confidence in Him and His promise that He will take you through the storm. Jesus rebuked His apostles for lack of faith because they were not quiet and peaceful when the storm threatened to sink their boat.

When you wire money to a needy loved one, you leave the telegraph office with a feeling of peace, that the loved one is now taken care of, though it may be days before you actually receive a letter, stating that the money was received. Your very contented inactivity is a form of works expressing faith in the telegraph company, that they have safely and efficiently delivered your wire. We start by auto at eight in the morning for a very vital conference 300 miles away, to be held at five that afternoon, ex-

Faith and Works

floors shall be full of wheat (souls), and the fats shall overflow with wine and honey (the Holy Ghost)."

pressing, by the few hours we allow ourselves, an absolute faith in the car to take us safely there within the allotted time. We sail along in absolute peace, KNOWING that we will meet our appointment on time. That is works expressing by our very peace that we have faith in our car. I have often wished that we had the same quiet confidence in Christ that we manifest for our earthly system of cars, trains, telegraph lines, etc.

Adding Works

Then there are active works. Praying through with determination is adding works to your faith. Fasting is very definitely a form of works. There is not a minister living, if in his right mind, nor

Giving, is an active form of works teamed with our faith. And the more you give when you feel you can not afford it, the more you manifest by your works your faith in God. A sister in Houston told me that God impressed her to give \$25.00 at the Texas state convention. She didn't feel like she could afford it but she obeyed God by faith, feeling that He would refund it. When she arrived home she found a money order for \$100.00 from her son in the navy, which, he said, was to pay her expenses at the camp meeting. She teamed works with her faith and was repaid four times.

Personal Experience

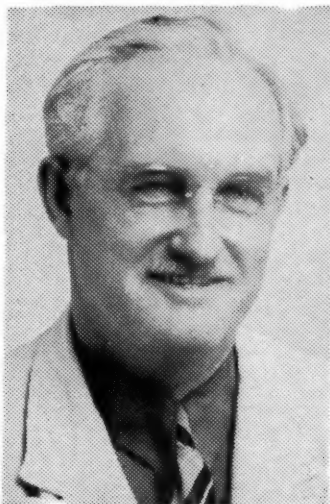
I once knew a noted evangelist of faith who often said, "Prove God. I have faith to believe tonight that if you will put a dollar in the offering, God will give you back two before the week is out." The testimonies that man has received of the miraculous way in which God confirmed his faith by giving back to those who put in a dollar would fill a book.

A number of years ago, in the days of open model T Fords, when we said that we would never ride in one of those top-heavy, glass-enclosed contraptions because if it ever turned over we would be cut to death by glass, I drove my model T to a fellowship meeting in northern Colorado. It was winter and snow covered the ground. A year-old baby snuggled warmly in blankets in his mother's arms at my side, protected from the cold winter drafts that seeped through the side curtains of the car. When the night service began I had a dollar left, and had to buy gas for the homeward trip of fifty miles, after service. The Lord spoke to me to put my dollar in the offering. I said, "Why, Lord, you know I can not do that. I've got to buy gas. We can't sit out in the car all night with this baby. And the baby has to get home to his food." The Spirit clearly said, "Put your dollar in the offering and trust me." I put it in. At the close of the service the state overseer, who hardly knew me (I did not belong to his, or any church organization), came to me and said, "Brother Archer, I do not know why, and I hope it will not embarrass you, but the Lord has laid it on my heart to give you this five dollars." I was not embarrassed. I cried. Then a stranger came to me. "Brother Archer," he said, "you can't drive home this cold night with that baby. We have plenty of room at the house. Come and spend the night with us."

God tried my faith in asking me to

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J. W. Archer



a church in all our movement, but what can have a mighty revival if that individual or church will add these two forms of works to their faith—fasting and prayer. In Joel we read, "Gird yourselves and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord" (Joel 1:13, 14). (See chapter 2, verses 12-17.) Hear God's answer to this team of faith and works, as expressed in Joel 2:23, 24, "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the

"It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul," Lev. 17:11.

Every man should be able to give a reason for the hope that is in him, and I do not believe the man lives who can give a reason for his hope beyond the grave who is a stranger to the blood of Christ. I do not wish anyone to believe what I say if it is not according to Scripture.

The first scripture I would call your attention to is in the very first book of the Bible. In Gen. 3:21 you find, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." In this verse we get the first glimpse of blood. Certainly God could not have clothed Adam and Eve with the skins of beasts unless He had shed blood. It was a case of the innocent slain for the guilty. It may be that this was a type, away back in Eden, of Christ the coming One, of the Sacrifice to be slain. Adam might have said to his wife, "Well, even though God has driven us out of Eden, He loves us and this coat is a token of His love." Someone has said that God put a lamp of promises into his hand before He drove him out, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent."

To me it is a very sweet thought that sin was covered before Adam was driven out of Eden—that God dealt in grace with him before He dealt in judgment. Did you ever think what a terrible state man in his lost and ruined state would have been in to live forever? It was the love of God to Adam that drove him out of Eden, that he should not live forever. Adam might have been in Eden ten thousand years and then been led astray by Satan, but now "our life is hid with Christ in God." Yes, man is safer with the second Adam out of Eden than with the first Adam in Eden.

Cain and Abel

Then let us turn to Gen. 4:4,5, "And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect." Here were two boys who were born and brought up outside of Eden. They were children of the same parents and brought up under precisely similar circumstances and under the same influences, and there is no account of any difference between these two boys until they went to offer the sacrifices. Abel brought the blood and was accepted; Cain came in his own way and was rejected. Undoubtedly, when our first parents fell, God marked out the way by which man might come back to Him. Abel walked in God's way, but Cain in his own. Perhaps Cain

said he could not bear the sight of blood, and took that which God had cursed and laid it on the altar. Perhaps he said to himself, "I shall certainly not bring a bleeding lamb. I don't like that doctrine at all. Here is the grain and the fruit. I am sure it looks better than blood."

There are a great many Cainites in the church today, trying to get to heaven their own way. They bring their own good deeds to God, but they do not like the doctrine of the blood of atonement. From the time Adam left Eden there has been Abelites and Cainites. The Abelites come by way of the blood; the Cainites come in a way of their own, wishing to get rid of the doctrine of the blood, but be sure that any religion which makes light of the blood is of the devil. If an angel from heaven should preach any other gospel, I would not believe it, "Christ died for our sins."

Noah

Two thousand years later another important event occurred. Gen. 8:20, "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar." We have now passed out of the first dispensation and have come to the second; and the first thing Noah does is to put blood between him and his sins. The second dispensation is founded upon blood. Noah walked by the highway of the blood. For this the animals were taken through the flood, and all of God's people have been walking that way since, for it is the blood that atones for sin. Would you turn to Gen. 22:14, "And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by the horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son." God loved Abraham so much that He spared his son, but He so loved the world that He did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all. We are told that Abraham saw Christ's day and was glad. I do not know when he saw it, but I have an idea that it was from this very place that God drew back the curtain of time and showed him Christ as the bearer of sin. "Abraham, Abraham! spare thy son." Ah! there was no voice at Calvary, no cry from heaven then, "Spare thy Son." He gave Him up freely for us all, the innocent for the guilty, the just for the unjust.

The Blood

The Sprinkled Blood

Turn now to Exodus 12 where God puts the whole nation of Israel behind blood. In the 13th verse we read, "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and the plagues shall not be upon you to destroy you." God did not say, "When I see your good deeds—how you have prayed, and wept, and groaned, I will pass over you," but, "When I see the blood." It was not their good resolutions, their tears, their prayers, their works, their faith, that saved those men in Egypt—it was the blood. What were they to do to be saved? They were to put the blood on the doorposts and lintels. They were not to put it on the threshold. God would not have them trample the blood. But that is what the world is doing today. Men say it is not the death of Christ, it is His life. But God did not say, "Take a white, spotless lamb and put it there at the front of the door, and when I see the lamb I will pass over you." Had the Israelites done that the angel of death would have passed by the lamb, would have entered that house, would have laid his cold hand on the eldest born. A live lamb could not have kept death out that night; he would have fallen a victim like the Egyptian.

Very likely, when some of the lords and dukes and great men rode through Goshen and saw the Israelites sprinkling their dwellings, they said they never saw such foolishness. Very likely, they thought they were spoiling their houses; every house had blood upon it. No Egyptian could understand it, but on that memorable night when death entered every house from the palace of the king to the hovel of the poor, when the wail of sorrow went up from that stricken land, it was the blood that kept him from the homes of Goshen. Yes, it is the blood that must cover our sins. I beg of you, do not let the world move you on this point. Let it go on mocking and laughing and making light of the precious blood of the Son of God, it is our only refuge, our only hope. We cannot cover sin by any good deeds of our own. It is a very common saying, "If I were only as good as that man who has preached the gospel for fifty years, or that mother in Israel who has visited the sick and been so kind to the poor, I would feel safe for heaven." But I want to say, that if you are sheltered behind the blood of the Son of God, you are as safe as any saint

by

C. W. Collins

that ever walked this earth. The life of Christ may be preached forever and if His death be left out, it will never save a soul. People say you must work, work, work, in order to get salvation. Ten thousand times no! It is a gift, "Whosoever will, let him come." When the angel of death swept through the land that night, the good and the bad were destroyed together. But wherever the blood was on the doorpost or lintel, whether they had worked much or little, God passed them over. The little child in the humblest tent was just as safe as Moses or Aaron, as Joshua or Caleb, as safe as any in the land.

A great many people wonder why they are so weak and why they fall so easily when temptations come, why so little spiritual power is given them. I think you will find a lesson in that same chapter in the 11th verse.

Our Journey

We have a wilderness journey before us as the children of Israel had, and if we do not feed upon Christ we must starve by the way. We have not only to look to the blood for safety, but we must feed on Christ for strength. He calls Himself the Bread of Life. Feeding on Christ is feeding on His Word. There is no book that will feed the soul but the Bible. If I feed on the Word of God, I get spiritual strength and power. Some think one glimpse at Christ is enough, but the just shall live by faith. Life never really begins until we have been sprinkled with the blood of Christ. Everything dates from the blood. Even the Jew has to own that death on the cross as the beginning of days. Turn to Exodus 29: 16, "And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood and sprinkle it round about upon the altar." Aaron, the high priest, had to take blood and sprinkle it round about the altar before he could have an interview with God—teaching us that to approach God never has been, never will be, never can be, except through the blood of the Lamb. Thirtieth chapter, 10th verse, "And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of the altar, once in a year, with the blood of the sin offering of atonement." Turn to Lev. 8:23, "And he slew it, and Moses took of the blood of it and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot." This is another verse I used to stumble over, but I think I understand it now: Blood on the ear—without it man cannot hear the voice of God; blood on the hand—that man may work for God; blood on

the foot—to walk with God. The blood commences to flow in Genesis and runs on to Revelation.

A mother and son got on board a steamer and sailed away for home. They had not been long at sea before the cry of "Fire! Fire!" rang through the ship. They got out the lifeboats, but they were too small! In a minute they were overcrowded. The last one was just pushing away when the mother pled with them to take her and her boy. "No," they said, "we have as many as we can hold." She entreated them so earnestly that at last they said they would take one more. Do you think she leaped into that boat and left her boy to die? No! She seized her boy, gave him one last hug, kissed him, and dropped him over into the boat. "My boy," she said, "if you live to see your father, tell him I died in your place."

Brother, sister, if you live to see God, tell Him Jesus died in your place. That is a faint type of what Christ has done for us. He laid down His life for us, He died that we might live. Now will you not love Him? What would you say of that young man if he should speak contemptuously of such a mother? She went down to a watery grave to save her son. Well, shall we speak contemptuously of such a Savior? Oh, may God make us loyal to Christ! My friends, you will need Him one day. You will need Him when you come to cross the swelling of Jordan. You will need Him when you stand at the bar of God. May God forbid that when death draws nigh it should find you making light of the precious blood of Christ!

GARMENTS OF THE SPIRIT

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one ever received the baptism of the Holy Ghost who had not been cleansed from sin. Of the Christians John said, He "hath washed us from our sins in his own blood." Rev. 1:5.

Is not this the reason many have never been filled with the Spirit and used of the Lord? They are unclean garments. There is little hope for them until they flee to the cleansing fountain.

Some garments are too tight. They are opinionated. They believed what their ancestors believed. They never concede that God might have something better for them. They adhere obstinately to a man-made creed and place the authority of their church ahead of anything Jesus said or taught. They hold tenaciously to doctrines and dogmas, yet are entirely void of spiritual

understanding. Of course the fullness of grace could never get into such lives. They are so narrow and contracted that should the Spirit get into them He would find it very uncomfortable. He would be cramped and would soon have to depart. Furthermore He would be grieved. The Spirit cannot remain where He is grieved and quenched. "Quench not the Spirit." 1 Thess. 5:19. Away with preconceived theories which keep the Spirit out. Then you may become a serviceable garment for the Spirit's use.

Other garments are too stiff for Him. The Holy Ghost would never feel at home in many hearts should He get into them. They are too starchy, so full of human pride. Although they profess great piety, they could never consent to such a meeting of religious enthusiasm as is described in Acts 2. In services where the Spirit of God has been marvelously present in convicting sinners and edifying believers, some of these dear people have entirely missed the blessing. If the Holy Ghost should erroneously condescend to "clothe Himself" with them, He could never use them because in their state they would prefer to use Him. That would dishonor Him.

Men must humble themselves before God. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God." He will never make the mistake of accepting or walking with the proud. Therefore, if you would know the blessing of having the Spirit to work in you, or to know what Paul meant he referred to the "power that worketh in us," and

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Religion and the World

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have revealed to astronomers that there are a thousand other Milky Ways. It is estimated that in two thousand of these Milky Ways of the same size as ours, there are 40,382,000,000 suns, or 2,019,100,000 heavenly bodies. One of these stars, Antares, could hold within itself some sixty million of our suns." Now that this is all correct, I just can't be sure; however, it would be very hard to disprove it. This doesn't mean that it is fact because it can't be disproved, no more than it is fact since it has not been proven. But let me say this, whatever it is, whenever it is, or wherever it is we will know later.

Revival a Blessing

GRANTSVILLE, Md.—We closed a revival at the Manadier Ridge, Md., Church of God with Rev. G. E. Poplen as evangelist. Eight were saved and the saints revived. The revival has proven a blessing here. Pray for us.—Miss Louise Van Meter, leader, Rt. 2, Box 59.

Hosanna to the Son of David

Luke 19:38-40; Mark 11:1-15; Matt. 21:1-16.

We are living in a day that is evil and a day of many trials and hardships, a day in which many are departing from the faith, giving heed to *seducing spirits* and doctrines of devils. Never was there a day when the devil was putting out more poisonous, deadly teachings and doctrines and leaving with the people of God a dreadful *seducing* spirit, than this present day. We want you to please notice this word "seducing." Get the meaning of it, "to decline, to lean away, or to draw back." We find this scripture in the first of the fourth chapter of 1 Timothy where Paul is directing Timothy concerning the times of the last days.

Now please turn with me to the 21st chapter of Matthew, verses 1-16. The ninth verse is what we wish to specify just now. "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." We see that the multitudes who were with Jesus on this special occasion were those probably who were with Him and saw Him when He healed the lunatic and all the multitudes of sick folks of the 19th chapter, and gave the two blind men their sight. And perhaps they were some of the same folks whom He had healed and had forgiven their sins and it was impossible for them to keep quiet.

Do you notice what a difference, or a contrast, there is in this Spirit and the first one spoken of? Some may say, "Oh, those folks had a right to have a different spirit; they were really with the Lord Himself." But I wish to say right here, if we have had our sins forgiven, heard His sweet voice speak peace to our soul, been sanctified by His precious blood and then received the great endowment of power, the Holy Ghost from on high, "we, too, have been filled with the Lord," and if we still possess this great blessing He is with us, walking and talking with us, and leading us on to the happy place He has gone to prepare for us. And the reason we feel so "far away" from Him is because sometimes we let the awful spirit of "seducing" get hold of us and we are inclined to draw back from obeying the Lord, going to service, prayer meeting and Sunday School. Then it is that we find that the spirit of *seducing* is not only *se-duc-ing* but is also *re-duc-ing*. The prophet Isaiah in the 55th chapter,

Mrs. Mabel Lane

2nd verse, says, "Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in *fatness*." When we begin to listen to the enemy and give over to a seducing spirit, stay home from service, lose interest in Sunday School and prayer meeting, we soon find we are losing our victory and our soul is starving for food and we are *reducing* daily until at last we are no longer spiritual. We no more feel impressed to praise God or testify, and the joy of salvation is gone. We often hear people testify of what great joy they had when God saved them, maybe twenty years ago; but, Brother, Sister, what about today? Do we still have that spirit of rejoicing? that same feeling of great inspiration and zeal to serve God?

Those people who were crying, "Hosanna to the son of David," were earnestly and sincerely praising God. They were not just merely saying something, but spoke as they were moved upon by the great Spirit of God. They had to praise Him or the rocks would have cried out. Oh bless God, where people earnestly praise the Lord it brings results and the enemy is aware of it too and is trying to leave with the people of God a seducing spirit, saying, "It is not necessary to shout 'amen' or 'praise God'; it is 'fanatic,' you can get along without all this. Just keep quiet and sit still," and thousands of other things of this kind. But he is a liar from the very beginning. It was essential for them to praise God in that day and it is very essential for us in this evil day to cry out praises to the Lord.

I was reading in a paper of how, in Uncle Sam's Army, when the boys would get tired and worn out, discouraged and most ready to give up, a good peppy patriotic song was played and a lively beating of the drums started the blood of the soldiers to boiling with new zeal, inspired to fight till death for their country and for freedom and right.

Oh, saints of God, warriors in God's great army, the same thing can be said of praising God in this trying hour. We are pressing through to keep on the firing line, to fight for truth and right. Just a lively "praise the Lord" or two, or a "glory, glory, glory to God" will start the great Spirit of the Lord moving in our souls and give us a new determination, a greater zeal to fight

for God till death or till the victory is won. It will also put the devil to flight. He likes to be praised also, and when we ignore him and continue to praise God he will soon feel as an unwelcome guest and take his departure. Resist him and he will flee from you.

Oh, praise the Lord. Let us look away from an hour of trouble and heartache and a world of blood-thirsty nations, lift up our heads and our minds and rejoice in the God of our salvation for our "redemption draweth nigh." "Hosanna to the son of David." I fancy I can see God's great army bearing the *Sword*, the *helmet*, the *breastplate*, with their *feet* shod with the preparation of the gospel of *peace*, according to Eph. 6:13-18, dressed in the whole armor of God, with uplifted hands, resembling the palm's branches, waving them and praising God. Just one thing will take us through this battle and that is to be entirely inspired, greatly moved upon by the Spirit of God, so saturated by the power of God that we are lost to self and all things and people about us as we continue to lift our hearts and hands and praise God. More and more we are inspired, heaven is nearer, until at last we shall rise to meet Him and so shall we ever be, to praise Him in a more perfect way. Glory to God!

While the preacher is preaching, if the Spirit of the Lord prompts you to say "Amen" do not bite your lips and hold back God's praises. It will help the preacher to preach, bring God's message to you, to the lost, to those discouraged and distressed. If when you are going to work you are impressed to praise God, don't quench the Spirit of the Lord. If you praise Him it will make you stronger to overcome through the day and keep His presence nearer.

When the battle is hard is the time to praise God. Praise God for accounting you worthy to suffer for His namesake. This is a time when the seducing spirit will say, "Now you have overcome many things and stood for God many times but you will have to give up now. You cannot go any farther." But, Brother, Sister, then is the time to cry, "Hosanna to the son of David." As we praise Him, He makes a way for us and we are spreading our garments of *self-will*, *nonconsecration*, and *non-wholehearted surrendering* on the ground as things of nought and making or preparing a way for Jesus to reach another lost heart or to heal another sick body. We know God has all power

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Foreign Missions



TO EVERY CREATURE

By FANNIE S. FOSHEE

SHALL we or shall we not, preach to all men the glorious truths of the gospel? If we are going to expect a reward from the One who uttered these words, then we must obey them, not partly but altogether.

It does not suffice us to preach to our congregations here in America, for only a small part of God's creation live here. What are we going to do with the creatures whom God has made in South America, Central America, Mexico, Africa, China, India, and Japan? Are they not a great part of God's creation? Do they not have a soul the same as we? Have they not a right to enjoy the same soul peace that has been so liberally given to us by the same One who uttered these words, "Go ye . . . ?"

Do you remember how unhappy you were before Jesus saved you? Have you forgotten how you longed for something to satisfy your soul? Their souls are just as miserable and just as unhappy as yours was. Can we allow them to go on in their wretched state and make no effort to go to them? "All the world" is the harvest field, and the creatures of every nation are included in Christ's commission. You and I, my Christian brother and sister, are the ones He told to go to them with this blessed news of salvation.

In Rev. 22:17 Jesus says, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Who is to say come? The Spirit and bride (Church). The Holy Spirit is doing His part, but He must have man to work through. The Church is to say, "Come," and then the Spirit carries the message to the soul and thus souls are born again. But if man fails to bid them come, then the Spirit's work is hindered and souls go out to meet God unprepared, a constant reminder of man's failure to obey God's words. In Rom. 10:14, 15a we find, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Shall we, a part of the body of Christ (each of us), close our eyes to their need

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," so says Jesus in Mark's Gospel, 16:15.

and try to justify ourselves? May God help us to see our duty and do it.

It is hard for us who live in a country with churches in every village to realize the actual need in the heathen lands where there are no churches, no song books, no Bibles, no preachers. They are for the most part taught to hate one another and they only serve their gods through fear. Their gods are all gods of hatred, therefore when Christ, a Savior who loves men, is taught to them, they can hardly believe their own ears. No wonder they stand and cry and with outstretched hands plead as the white teacher is leaving, begging him to stay and tell them more of the "good news." Very few can grasp the meaning of it at first. It's just too good to be true. But the good missionary lives a life of love and there before their eyes are the truths of God's Word verified. Then they have courage to try for themselves this God of love, and always it is the same story, "The half has never been told."

Have you a call to go to them? No. Then there is a work you can do. Jesus says, "Pray ye therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into his harvest." If you are not called to go, you may find plenty to do here to help those who are called to go. We must either go ourselves or help send someone else, before you have obeyed the gospel.

Certainly we, who have not hesitated to accept freely the gift of God's only Son, His most prized possession into our hearts, can't be so thoughtless and, may I say, selfish, as to try to measure another man's soul with meager dollars and cents. The sinner who himself has not felt the cleansing power of Jesus' blood might be excused for thinking of the cost of getting the gospel to them, the danger of death by disease or by wild animals; but surely not we who know the worth of a soul and something of the damnation of those who die without God.

May God open our eyes and let us see the great need and then in the stillness of the night may He open our ears and let us hear the groans of the lost world, burdened by the yoke of sin. May we then remember that Jesus died the death on the cross to free man from this terrible yoke

and that we are responsible to get this message to them, "all the world."

May God help us to pray more for the lost world and give more of our money toward this worthy cause this year than we have ever done. The time to work is short, so very short, and the time when man must give an account of himself to God draws nearer with each closing year. All too soon we shall each stand before God to give an account of our stewardship. May we be able to hear His words commending us for our labors, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

HAVE YOU FAILED?

*The gap you failed to fill lies open
Out there in the harvest field;
The souls He appointed you are dying
Because you will not yield.*

*Some day the crown He had for you
Will be given to somebody else;
Because you failed to do your duty
Christ gave His all, can you do less?*

Then what will you do at the judgment?

*What answer will you give to Him
For the days you've wasted in leisure
And the souls you've failed to win?*

*Then on with thy armor,
Child of God, and be brave,
And out to the battle's front
The lost ones to save.*

*For soon will life's journey be ended,
Thy battles will soon all be o'er,
Then the victory will forever be ours
When we cross to the other shore.*

"Unto You Is Born a Saviour"

"Unto you is born a Saviour,"

Unto you is born a King,
Worship Him with joy and gladness,
Hymns of love and praises sing.

As a babe in David's city,
Cradled in a bed of hay,
Thus has come God's great redemption—
Christ the Lord is born today!

"Unto you is born a Saviour,"

God's own Son so long foretold,
Shepherds kneel in adoration,
Wise men bring their gifts of gold.
Bring Him now your heart's full treasure,
At His throne your homage pay,
Jesus Saviour, King eternal,—
Christ, the Lord, is born today!

From College Composition Class of B. C. S.



The following articles were written by a few of the college Composition Class. We sincerely regret that we are no longer able to purchase the size films we use in our school camera. If any of our readers are able to secure flat pack films size 4" by 5", we would appreciate your writing us where such films are available.

PROCRASTINATION

Procrastination means to put off from day to day, or to postpone. In the Bible we read of a foolish man who put off his soul's salvation until he had gathered together a lot of earthly possessions. When he had gained enough earthly possessions to live at ease for the rest of his life, Death came to him and said, "This night thy soul is required of thee." There he was without God in his heart and life. He had put off salvation until it was too late. Death had overtaken him, unprepared to meet God. Many people today put off salvation until it is too late. When Jesus knocks at their heart's door and pleads with them to let Him come in, they turn Him away and say, "Not today, some other time I shall give my life to you." They don't seem to realize that they might not live to see another day. They seem to take it for granted that they still have plenty of time in which to seek God. But life is uncertain, and Death doesn't seem to be particular whom he calls on next. Therefore, we should not put off our soul's salvation, but live at all times prepared to meet our Maker. Tomorrow may be too late.—Robbie Nell Pyeatt.

PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance may be defined as the continuance of anything undertaken until it is completed, in spite of obstacles. In the realm of thought we think of people of all the ages who have labored patiently to lift the veil of ignorance from the dark shadows of life. They have, through persistent effort, advanced nobly in the fields of art, science, and invention. Perseverance is one of the main cornerstones on which great achievements rest; it carries us through most of our adversities and leads us on

toward certainty, power, and progress. People who have succeeded were devotees of continuous application.

If we have a will to do, perseverance will see us through. Time waits for no man. We are in a state of progress or retrogression. We either go forward or backward. If one can become absorbed in unrelenting efforts, then nothing can divert his will power. The person who forges ahead prefers a difficult task. To work is a duty and a privilege. We think of stability as the best kind of ability; it gives us the strength and courage to fight valiantly for our high endeavors.

Depending on someone else, waiting for tomorrow, or trusting to luck may involve collective loss. Self-improvement means community improvement. The way for us to reform the world is to reform ourselves.—Ruth Jones.

PERSISTENCE

Persistence is the power of continuing in a course in spite of difficulties. Many have failed to attain success in this life because they were unable to overcome the obstacles and difficulties that presented themselves along the way. Many people long for the day when they will have climbed the ladder of success and thereby enjoy the fruits of their labor. In my opinion, however, success may be enjoyed daily in that we may delight in the fact that we are steadily pursuing the goal before us.

Persistence is not usually inherited from our parents, but is a quality which we may acquire by habit and by training the mind. As the physical body is strengthened by exercise and use, likewise the will or mind becomes strong when we train ourselves to do unpleasant things. In order to continue our course we are required many times to do things or perform duties against our natural or carnal will. Obstacles are overcome by performing these tasks and thereby the art of persistence is acquired.—Helen Gleason.

PERSISTENCE

Who doesn't desire to be successful in life? To meet success with a hearty hand-

clasp means intense, patient toil, maybe over a long period of time. However, every effort expended is worth while when a measure of favorable return is realized.

Persistence is the principal byroad which leads to the highway of success. When we think of byroads we often associate with them hindrances and oppositions to rapid, easy travel. Many times we are forced to follow a rough, crooked detour in order to reach the highway; but we are willing to endure the hardships involved because we know the highway, which assures more convenient traveling, is ahead.

Likewise in life's journey, we learn to accept the bitter with the sweet because we know that in so doing we are paving our own highway of success. The persistent soul presses resolutely onward through oppositions and discouragements toward the satisfaction available only in the accomplishment of a difficult task. He knows that he can soon become better qualified and able to assist some fellow traveler through similar circumstances.

Life is real! The reality comes in the simple sharing of one another's burdens, and the exchange of encouraging words and deeds. Discouragements are foreign to no man, but they can serve as steppingstones to success as well as stumbling blocks to defeat, all depending on how we meet them.

Nothing in life is given away; everything must be earned. There will be days when our hearts are light and happy, but there will also be days enshrouded with trouble and sorrow. We must remember that it is appropriate to sing a happy song on the blue days to drive the shadows away.

They who play the game most gallantly, gayly, and bravely have no regrets when the curtains swing together and the stage lights grow dim. May the world be a better place because we have lived and an easier place because we have worked.—Ruby Thompson.

The service of God is the only business that offers a gain for every loss.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they should be signed.

Pray For

God to completely restore my voice, I enjoy making music and singing for the Lord.—Edna Mae Charn, Rt. 1, Box 56, Carters, Ga.

God to heal my daughter of epilepsy.—Mrs. Mattie Free, Rt. 1, Box 112, Rayville, La.

The complete healing of our pastor; Brother E. O. Snipes.—Mrs. Annie McKelvin, 900 Glossier St., Pelham, Ga.

Very special request.—B. F. Beggerly, 233 44th St., Newport News, Va.

My hands to be healed of eczema; unspoken request.—Mrs. J. R. Davenport, Rt. 1, Box 56, Carters, Ga.

My brother, Dewey Williamson, to be healed, he is in a serious condition; my sister's side to be healed.—Mrs. H. L. Crews, 316 North St., Daytona Beach, Fla.

The healing of my daddy who has been sick several years; my wife and brothers.—Buford Mason, Rt. 6, Danville, Va.

The healing of my body, I have something wrong with my stomach and have nervous trouble.—W. R. Fillers, Greeneville, Tenn.

Willie Archer to be healed.—Sister Ethel Roberts, 1855 Champlain St., Toledo, Ohio.

The healing of my children of whooping cough. The baby though not coughing so hard is sick and will not take her food so well. I am trusting the Lord with them. I wrote you over a year ago that my husband had broken his back. He passed on in about a week and we are alone, but the Lord is very near and supplies our needs. I have seven children at home and a boy in the Navy. We need your prayers.—Mrs. R. S. Futch, Rt. 1, Box 96, Plant City, Fla.

My father to be saved and healed of a stomach trouble; my husband, mother, children and me.—Mrs. Eunice Miller, Rt. 1, Ochlochnee, Ga.

The healing of my boy, he has had fits until he has lost his mind and had to be sent to the insane hospital but I know the Lord can heal him. He is all the boy I have.—Dovie Colburn, Haleyville, Ala.

My health to be restored; the healing of my throat and lungs.—Rosa Fitzgerald, Haleyville, Ala.

The saving and healing of a friend, Mrs. C. L. Givens, Box 265, Pelham, Ga., of cancer; the healing of our pastor; the healing of my hands.—Berta Crosby, Pelham, Ga.

God to strengthen Brother and Sisters Dozier's bodies.—Eula Ponder, 501 W. Stubbs St., Edinburg, Tex.

The Lord to heal my sick body.—F. E. Burrow, 310 2nd St., Benton, Ark.

The healing of my body, I have pellagra and heart trouble; our pastor's eyes and body to be healed; his family.—Sister Laura Lou Cameron, Pelham, Ga.

The healing of my son's burned arm.—Rose Goodman, Murphy, Miss.

God to heal my body of something like heart trouble and take care of my body in time of need.—Gertrude Matura, Murphy, Miss.

The healing of my brother who is very badly afflicted in body, he has never gone to a physician but we know he has had a stroke. He seems to be growing weaker in body and does need prayer so badly. Please earnestly plead with God in behalf of his recovery.—Elsie Geckler, 2207 12th St., S. W., Canton, Ohio.

God to save and heal my brother, Gilmer Fowler, Rush, N. C., who has had a nervous breakdown, high blood pressure and asthma; the healing of my body.—Mrs. H. M. Burchette, 604 25th St., Lynchburg, Va.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. C. K. Puffenberger, Deerfield, Va.

My body to be healed; my youngest son to be healed; my sons.—Minnie Calvert, Rt. 7, Smithville, Tenn.

The healing of Hoke Anderson of T. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Grady Anderson, Titus, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of gall bladder trouble.—Mrs. Monnie Aultman, 34 Bayne St., Orangeburg, S. C.

God to undertake and answer prayer.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crow, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.

The healing of my cousin's eyes, she is going blind.—Mrs. Cora Murray, Rt. 1, Springfield, Ala.

The Lord to undertake for me, I know God is able to deliver me.—R. Q. Brown, Toccoa, Ga.

Sister Mildred Morgan's baby girl to be healed.—Mrs. W. D. Hayes, Rt. 1, Box A, Warrior, Ala.

My brother's baby to be healed of whooping cough; God to strengthen my body.—Ida McComb, Dixiana, Ala.

Mrs. Silas Bouyer, Rt. 4, Bedford, Va., to be healed of sinus trouble, she is suffering badly.

God to undertake and heal my brother-in-law, Rev. E. O. Frazier, West Frankfort, Ill., of sugar diabetes. In the last three weeks his eyesight has failed him until he can't see to read; my unsaved dad and brother.—Mrs. C. T. Frazier, Sylvatus, Va.

The Lord to heal my throat.—Mrs. Ella Collins, Box 269, Paw Creek, N. C.

The Lord to heal my leg of varicose veins, I am nearly past walking; my husband to be healed of stomach trouble.—Maggie Purvis, 2385 N. W. 69th St., Miami, Fla.

My father to be healed of a serious head trouble and rheumatism; my loved ones; unspoken request.—Miss Lillie Livingston, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.

God to heal me of high blood pressure and give me more faith and the desire of my heart; a friend to be healed of asthma; my loved one.—Mrs. L. P. Kennedy, Box 404, Post, Tex.

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OUR JUNIOR JEWELS

For many years there has been an urgent and crying need for Sunday School class papers among our Sunday Schools. In the four-page paper bearing the above title you will find exactly what the title itself suggests—a variety of writings studded with precious truths that any boy or girl can and will appreciate. It is entirely inexpensive for your Sunday School to have them. Do not overlook ordering these when ordering your Sunday School literature, so that your bright-faced boys and girls will have something to take home with them after the Sunday School hour is over. Have you never read wherein Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat"? Price per quarter, of thirteen issues, 10c.

REPORTS

Report From War, W. Va.

WAR, W. Va.—Dear Saints everywhere, I am truly glad to report victory in my soul and that I still have the love of God deep down in my heart. I praise God so much for the Church of God and the way it is progressing.

This Assembly year Brother S. B. McCane was sent to pastor and feed us from the Word of God which will stand when the world is on fire. Praise the Lord. Since the beginning of the Assembly year the Church of God at War has raised the aged ministers' quota and about \$50.00 for missions. The L.W. W.B. is working and cooperating wonderfully and so are the Y.P.E. and Sunday School.

We are now in a battle or revival campaign against Satan. We are trusting God for many souls in this revival. Brother McCane is doing the preaching and God is blessing us in every way.

We love Brother and Sister McCane and family and I am sure they will prove a blessing to us as well as to God, our Creator. Children of God, let's get the burden of lost humanity on our hearts and cause many souls to fall out with sin and take up the cross and follow Christ.

At the present I am standing in need of prayer of those who know God. Pray much for the church at War. We are planning to remodel the church building and we are trusting God to help us. May God bless each of you and encourage you who are discouraged, is my prayer.—Alice Kiser, correspondent clerk.

Expecting a Good Year

O'BRIEN, Fla.—Pine Grove Church of God reports victory over a few things. Through 1941 we had a good year. We had a sweet humble little sister for our pastor who proved a blessing to us, Mrs. Nellie Roberts, of Live Oak, Fla. Her untiring efforts and sweet messages of truth were a great blessing to us. We loved her so and hated to give her up, yet we feel sure God knew best and she was sent to the Dowling Park church and they love her there. God sent us Brother and Sister John Land. They are a couple of humble, consecrated children of God and are a blessing to this place. I feel we are going to have a good year. Pray that many precious souls will be converted. Brother Land is a wonderful speaker and brings out deep thoughts. He is also a wonderful man of God and we truly love him and his good wife. Her health

is not good and sometimes she can't come and we miss her, oh, so much. Please ask the Lord to heal her. Remember all of us in prayer. We have a nice little Sunday School and Y.P.E. group.—The Pine Grove Church of God, Live Oak, Fla., Mrs. Lula Hurst, reporter.

New Church in Kings Mountain

KINGS MTN., N. C.—I praise the Lord for old time salvation, the kind you can feel in your soul. I praise Him for our new church here in Kings Mountain and thank Him for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gary Jackson. We had sixty-two in Sunday School last Sunday, Nov. 1, and look for it to grow. Pray for us here in Kings Mountain that we will be a blessing to the people.—Eunice Smith, 104 Myres St.

Looking Forward to Old Time Revival

STONE BRANCH, W. Va.—We praise the dear Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Watkins, that we have with us this year and for the good that has been accomplished. Our Sunday School is also increasing. We desire the prayers of all the saints that God will give us an old time revival and souls will pray through to victory.—Sister Ollie Bledsoe, Chapmanville, W. Va.

A Remarkable Change

CANTWELL, Mo.—From Sunday, Oct. 25, to Nov. 8 was a remarkable change in our Sunday School attendance, sixty-seven, eighty-nine and on November 8 one hundred thirty-five and the offering was, on Oct. 25, \$3.00; on Nov. 1, \$25.00, and on Nov. 8, \$26.00. That's something to talk about, isn't it? We were pleased to have our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, and his family with us, also Brother and Sister Clifford Jenkerson. These are our own home children. Just another example of two of our members from Cantwell making good.—Leavah M. Prather, Box 65.

Montana's Ministers' Meeting

During October 28, 29 the ministry and a large portion of our laity and friends, as well as ministers of other state, gathered at Bigtimber, Mont., for our annual ministers' meeting. The pastor at Bigtimber, Brother S. L. Bunch, made everyone feel so welcome. Our beloved overseer, Brother Ray T. Hill, whom we dearly love, was in

charge. We certainly thank God for him.

Our musical program was under the capable direction of Sister Elma Savchenko. Cooperation helped make the a success.

We were privileged and grateful to have our beloved and highly esteemed Second Assistant to the General Overseer, Brother Earl P. Paulk. Acting as moderator, Brother Paulk was able to help us outline a broad and much-needed program for the ensuing year and still allow time for spiritual feasting and devotion. His timely messages blessed and inspired the congregation.

Too, we greatly enjoyed messages by Brother Glyndon Logsdon, overseer of the Dakotas; Brother R. H. Klauert, overseer of Wyoming, and Brother Anton Myers, pastor at Lewistown, Mont., and a newcomer to the state.

During the meeting \$212.00 was raised and pledged to equip our state parsonage with furniture.—Mrs. Edward Yecha, clerk.

REVIVALS

UNION, S. C.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful revival which recently closed here, with Brother Leonard Carroll and wife in charge. The Lord blessed in each service and the mighty power and presence of the Holy Ghost was in our midst. Fifty-three were saved, thirty-three sanctified, thirty-three filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-three added to the church. Many have said it was the best revival here in years. Our church seems to be in perfect unity and fellowship, for which we are so thankful. Of course the devil is on his job seeking to devour, but we are serving and trusting a God who is more than a match for the devil. Brother and Sister Carroll are truly God-sent evangelists. They prove this by the many souls they are winning.

We have a good Sunday School and our beloved pastor, Brother G. W. Cooper, and family whom we, the church as a whole, esteem very highly. It is due to his faithfulness that our church is in the good spiritual and financial condition that it is.

We have a good Sunday School and Y.P.E., which we are glad to mention. Please pray that our new converts will hold out and make great workers for God and that we will shine for Jesus as never before.—Mrs. V. M. Sanford, Buffalo, S. C.

MONTEBELLO, Calif.—I have some more good news for you. Glory, glory, hallelujah! Praise His holy name, God is really pouring out His power in southern California, especially in East Los

Angeles. We are having a Holy Ghost revival. We have one of the best evangelists in the world, the Holy Ghost is doing the preaching. Nearly every sinner who comes in gets saved. Sinners are slain under the power of God. In the past two weeks there have been about twenty-five saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen have been added to the church, and fifteen baptized in water. Our membership has been doubled in sixty days. The tithes have more than doubled.

We are proud of our good pastor, Brother Harry A. Mushegan, also our assistant pastor, Brother M. D. Hansen, and Sister Myrtle Mushegan, our young people's leader. We thank the Lord for sending them here. We thank the Lord for the good old Church of God. We are getting the latter rain. Pray for us.—Mrs. Woods, clerk, 3505 Via Corona.

SODDY, Tenn.—The Church of God at Soddy, Tenn., has just closed a very successful revival with Brother Turner as the evangelist. The Lord blessed us in a great way, for which we are glad. Forty-six professed to get saved, twenty-six sanctified, and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Since the revival closed three more have been saved, nine baptized in water and eighteen added to the church. It was said by those who know that this was the best revival this church has had for many years. The attendance was good through the week and a flush crowd over the week end. All seemed to enjoy Brother Turner's preaching and he will be long remembered by the people of this church and community.—J. A. Muncy, pastor.

MT. SHERMAN, Ky.—We are glad to report a good revival here at Mt. Sherman, Ky., which ran three weeks. The Lord met with us from the first night until the last. The old and young danced together. Several nights the Holy Ghost did the preaching. The altar was full nearly every night. Several prayed through to victory and some were healed. The meeting closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing. Five were reclaimed, four saved, four sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we give the Lord the praise. The meeting closed Sunday night, Oct. 25.—Evan. G. R. Morris and party, Gen. Del., Campbells-ville, Ky.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival conducted by Brother Hoyle Case, our missionary from India. He did some good preaching and the church was blessed. There were twenty-eight saved, eight sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Only two have come in the church so far, but there

are several more who are coming in soon.

Brother and Sister Case are great workers for the Lord. We learned to love them very much and wish for them always the very best of God's blessings in their work for Him. Their special talks on "Conditions in India" were very, very impressive and enjoyed by all who had the privilege of hearing them. It has planted in our hearts a determination to do more for missions than ever before.

These people here at Rock Hill are among the best I have ever been privileged to work with. They are ever ready to do their best for the Lord. That can be credited to the good leadership of their former pastors who have worked so faithfully with them. Anything you want to do for the betterment of the church or to advance the program, they are ready.

The church was in good shape when we came here, so all we had to do was step in and help them shout, praise the Lord. Pray for us that we will be able to keep up the good work and accomplish something for the Lord this year.—W. L. Edgar, pastor.

MARION, Va.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here at Marion. Brother W. I. Head, our pastor, did the preaching. The Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. Five were saved, two sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church, and two baptized. Please pray much that we, by the help of the Lord, will keep the revival spirit going on in our midst.—Mrs. Howard Whisman, Buchanan St.

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FAITH AND WORKS

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give up my last dollar. I responded to the test of faith with "works" by giving my dollar. God gave me back fivefold in money, a nice warm bed for the night, a fine breakfast, and a warm sunny day in which to drive home. You can't out-give God. When the colored man was asked how he could afford to give so much he answered, "Why Suh, dat's easy. When ah shovels out, God jest shovels in, an' God's shovel is bigger than mine."

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Well now, that does sound logical, doesn't it? But wait a minute. There are some things in which God does not want help. There are some places in which He is jealous of His glory and does not wish to share it with the pride of man. There are some "works" which are not acts of faith at all, but are clear evidences of unbelief. Satan has deceived many of us on this line. Now let us see by an illustration just how illogical this issue really is, of calling in the doctor to help God out. Let us presume that you are going to build a house. You go to Mr. Smith and you say, "Mr. Smith, I have absolute faith in your ability. I believe you are the best contractor in town. I want you to take these plans and build me this house." When Mr. Smith appears on the lot Monday morning to begin work, he finds his rival in business on the lot busy at work. Mr. Smith hurries to your home and says, "Look here! I thought you gave me the contract to build your house? What is Jones doing working down there?"

"Why," you say smilingly, "sure I gave you the job, Mr. Smith. But I thought I ought to help you all I could, so I sent Mr. Jones down there to go as far as he can with it."

You say, "Why, that's crazy, Brother Archer." Certainly it is. And it's just as illogical to say, "Now Jesus, I have absolute confidence in your power to heal. You are my doctor. I believe you are the best in the world. I have a broken body and I want you to take the job of fixing it. But I think I ought to do all I can to help you, so I am calling in Dr. Wilkins to help you all he can."

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every possible condition, many of which the earthly physicians would have to say were hopeless; and we all believe all of this about Him, then why call in an inferior physician, who at best can only diagnose fifty per cent of the cases right, (according to reports of medical science), and can only heal a small per cent of those whom they do diagnose correctly?

No, calling doctors and using medicine are not "works" of faith. They are works of unbelief. They are a confession that you are afraid that Jesus will not do the job. They are expressions of doubt, and Jesus said that if we "doubt not in our heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:23. Doubt has halted many a prospective healing and has nipped the bud of many a fervent prayer.

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Praise, as also expressed in a previous article, is one of our greatest means of manifesting our faith by our works. We believe God's promises so completely that

we rejoice before we actually see the answer. Just one illustration here. A friend of mine, dean of a Bible College, received a chance on a Packard car with a purchase. He promised God that if he won that car he would sell it, buy a cheaper one and put the balance in mission work. One day a wire came from a Kansas City firm advising him that he had won the Packard car. The wife was so excited she kept praising the Lord and shouting. She could scarcely tell her husband over the phone. She ran out the front door and over to her neighbor's, waving the telegram and shouting. But she had never seen the car. She had never seen the heads of the company who sent the wire. But she believed that promise so strongly that she shouted before she ever saw the car. And friends, when we get a telegram from Glory, from the firm of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that our prayer is heard and we have the thing we desire of Him, we certainly should have an equal faith in the heavenly firm, and manifest our faith by shouting about it. Shouts win more victories than groans, because praising is manifesting our faith by our works.

The beautiful organization of the Church of God is an evidence of showing faith by works. Though the honeybee does not realize it, he systematically prepares his honeycomb as an evidence of his faith that God's great laws will send sunshine that will cause the nectar to flow in the flowers, and he will have honey for the winter. And the Church of God has expressed its faith in God by forming a beautiful honeycomb system, through which God can pour out the nectar of His blessing in souls and money and Spirit to supply the honey of God to a hungry world, lost in the rigid winter of sin.

Hosanna To the Son of David

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and is able to work. We do not need to make a way for Him but when we stand true to Jesus in time of temptation it causes someone else to see Jesus in our hearts and lives and to turn and serve Him, too.

O Church of God, the great army of God, keep marching on, step by step, with the great Captain of our salvation (Jesus). Keep looking up, crying praises to God, "Hosanna to our Captain Jesus." When enough battles have been won, enough sacrifices have been made and enough tears have been shed, then the battle will be over and "we shall wear a crown." We know not what may be just ahead but we do know God holds the future in His hands. Praise Him! Praise Him!

*Sing it here, ye ransomed throng,
Start the everlasting song—
Victory! Victory!*

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Obituaries

McCALL

Mrs. Zena McCall departed this life Oct. 31, 1942, to be with Jesus; age fifty-five years.—Mrs. Roscoe Godwin, Ehren, Fla.

EDWARDS

The death angel visited the home of Rev. C. G. Edwards, November 4, 1942, and claimed his wife for its victim; age fifty-two years. Pray for her companion and children.—Her pastor, W. F. Sharpe, Starksville, Miss.

UNDERWOOD

Sister Mary Underwood, wife of Brother L. T. Underwood, a member of the Church of God for twenty-seven years, departed this life Nov. 10, 1942; age fifty-seven years and five months.—J. L. Guthrie, pastor, East Jenkins, Ky.

TOMAS

Brother Park Tomas, one of our brothers who professed faith in Christ about three months ago, departed this life to be with Jesus Nov. 9, 1942.—Mrs. Ethel Dean, Cawood, Ky.

GARMENTS OF THE SPIRIT

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vival is in its seventh week and will continue indefinitely. Rev. E. E. Vaught is the pastor.—Russell Ford, evangelist.

If there are any Church of God peo-

ple near Lakeland, Fla., please write me. My address is 120 Oconee St., Lakeland, Fla.—John C. Hicks.

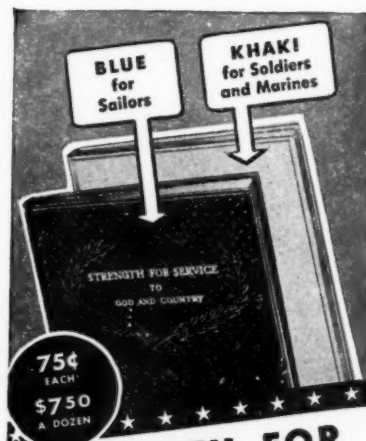
This is to notify all concerned that the state parsonage was purchased in Baton Rouge, La. In the future my address will be 4853 N. Highland Dr., Baton Rouge, La., instead of Box 858, Monroe, La.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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God to undertake for me, this is very urgent.—Mrs. P. A. Phillips, Electra, Tex.

The healing of my back, it hurts dreadfully at times. I am fully trusting the Lord.—Mrs. Kate Stowe, 1730 2nd Ave., Manatee, Fla.



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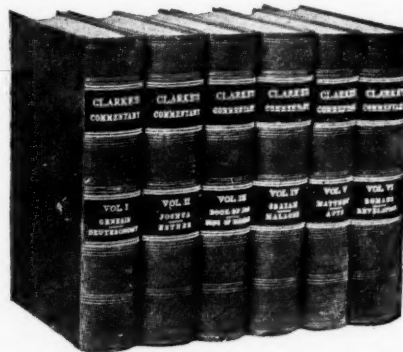
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